

JEROME REPEATS GAMBLING STORY

Soothers, Whose Teeth Water at Story of Half-Drunk Kid Who Was Fleeced Out of Half a Million, Want Arrest Made.

JEALOUS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T GET SOME OF IT.

The District-Attorney Passes the Story Out Again To-Day, but He Doesn't Say Why the Brace Game Quit So Soon.

If District-Attorney Jerome was in a trance yesterday when he announced in Albany that he knew of a "half drunk kid" who had lost \$400,000 at faro in a New York gambling house, the trance continues. He repeated the statement to-day.

He indignantly refutes the assertion of some persons that the amount lost was in stage money. It is believed that he has the numbers of the bills in his desk. Some of his county detectives say that there were \$50,000 bills and that at least seven of them had the corners torn off as though they had been carried around considerably.

"Who was this star mark of history who went to a gambling house five nights in succession and lost an average of \$20,000 a night?" the District-Attorney was asked.

"I know who he is," was the reply. "The big losing was not inoperative him. He has plenty left. I admit that it all seems to be most amazing, but I have it straight."

Could It Have Been Reggie?

"Inasmuch as Reginald Vanderbilt is said to have lost \$50,000 in one night at Canfield's, it is not possible that this was one of the five nights when the young 'half-drunk kid' was fleeced out of \$400,000," asked The Evening World reporter.

"By the process of elimination," answered the District-Attorney, "you would be able finally to hit upon the name of the right man, so I will have to refuse to answer any questions as to identity from the very start."

According to the District-Attorney, the enormous amount specified was not lost in a square gambling game. The cards were dealt, he said, by the best "brace" dealer in the country, a man from the West. The circumstances he described make the case not one of gambling, but of plain robbery—the open robbery of nearly half a million dollars from a "half drunk kid."

The District-Attorney knows the names of the robbers, he says. He knows all about the robbery, he says, and he knows the name of the man who was robbed. But he has made no move to arrest anyone.

Ordinary thieves are arrested on suspicion, and held without bail at headquarters. Cheap gamblers who entice a stranger into a room and take a few hundred dollars from him are bound to the ends of the United States.

Where It Left Jerome Out.

"You see," explains the District-Attorney, "this matter was not brought to my attention in the way of a complaint. I heard about it and verified it, but what can I do as the law stands? I can't compel the man who lost the money to testify if the bill I spoke of in the Legislature passes and I can compel patrons of gambling-houses to testify in court maybe something will grow out of this case."

"This game," continued the District-Attorney, "continued for seven nights. On the first two nights the gamblers saw-sawed the young man to encourage him. On the next five nights they took his money away from him without letting him win anything at all. They kept him soaked with champagne."

The District-Attorney does not explain why the gamblers quit at the end of the week, instead of keeping busy until they had taken a million dollars. In the mean time hundreds of poverty-stricken gamblers, gasping for existence "under the lid," were asking each other how they happened to miss the youth who contributed \$400,000 to a "brace" faro game and an advertiser taking any action looking to the recovery of the money he was robbed of. They want to see a "pinch" made just by way of satisfaction.

GAS OVERCOMES SEVEN PERSONS

All Found Unconscious in Different Sections of Brooklyn and Manhattan—Caused by the Chage of Pressure.

Peter Shield, fifty-five years old, was found in his home, No. 60 Cumberland street, Brooklyn, to-day overcome by gas, which he accidentally turned on last night after his return from the theatre. He will recover.

William Davis, twenty years old, of No. 62 Clinton street, was overcome by gas to-day. He was taken to the Cumberland Street Hospital. He will recover.

Mary Russell, twenty years old, a servant employed by W. J. Bull, of No. 63 Second street, Brooklyn, was found unconscious to-day in her bedroom, overcome by gas. She had left the gas jet lighted, and while she slept the pressure was taken off and resumed.

She was treated by an ambulance surgeon and taken to her home at No. 513 Baltic street.

Adolph Chade, twenty-three years old, was found unconscious from gas in his room at No. 51 Harrison avenue, Brooklyn, to-day. He had left his gas stove lighted when he went to bed, and the pressure had been taken off and put on again. He was taken to St. Catherine's Hospital.

Mrs. A. Hoffman, thirty years old, of No. 163 West Sixty-sixth street, was accidentally overcome by gas in her apartment to-day and was removed only by an ambulance surgeon had worked over her for two hours. She was taken to Roosevelt Hospital.

Mrs. Hoffman was ill and went to bed after lighting a gas radiator in her apartment. While she slept, the tube slipped off the radiator. An insurance agent came to the house to collect her insurance. He smelled gas in the hallway and notified the janitor. The door of the gas was broken open and the woman was found unconscious on the bed.

MILLIONS TO END CRUSH ON BRIDGE

Commissioner Best's Plan, It Is Now Believed, May Cost \$12,000,000 or More Before It Could Be Completed.

MAYOR FAVORS IT AS FAR AS IT GOES.

Gigantic Scheme for Terminals Which Will Involve the Buying Up of Much Private Property on This Side.

Mayor McClellan said to-day that as far as it went he favored Bridge Commissioner Best's plan for relieving the crush at the New York end of the Brooklyn Bridge.

The plans will be submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at to-morrow's meeting, and if approved will be taken before the Board of Aldermen without delay.

A careful study of the maps and blue prints which were sent to the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, together with the investigation reports and specifications, indicates some startling possibilities, and Mr. Best's estimated cost of \$6,000,000 will probably be doubled. If the blue prints indicate anything they show that Mr. Best's plan, which, as far as it has been made public up to date, ends abruptly at North street on private property.

Gigantic Plan Involved.

Mr. Best's plan contemplates the acquisition by the city of the four blocks bounded by Tryon row, Park row and Duane street, and the small block bounded by Park row on the west, Centre street on the south, and North William street on the east, and "also certain parcels of land on the south side of Duane street between City Hall place and Park street, and on Centre street between Pearl and North streets."

The Commissioner's maps show four tracks coming off the Brooklyn Bridge and making a turn over Park row and directly north on the land where the State-Zeitling Building now stands. A great terminal station 100 feet wide will begin at Tryon row and extend north to Duane street.

The four tracks pass through this and then emerge at the northern end of the station and converge on to North street and are on private property all the way to that point. At no point up to North street do they run on Centre street, thus removing the objection which has been raised that to run an elevated structure through a street would spoil the effect of the handsome Hall of Records.

Where the Tracks Run.

The four tracks which end abruptly on the south side of North street are back at least fifty feet from the eastern line of Centre street. It is not impossible that Mr. Best intends that the tracks shall leave private property at this point and by curving to the west and cutting the corner of the block at North and Centre streets, converge up to Canal in Centre street.

Mr. Best intends to run his elevated structure through private property up to Canal street the city will have to acquire a private right of way through the three long blocks bounded by Leonard and Centre, White and Centre, Walker and Centre streets, and if the plan contemplates going beyond Canal street in a straight line the cost will be much greater.

Mayor Is Not Certain.

"Have you noticed how the four tracks end abruptly at North street, and do you think the plan contemplates a continuation of the track through private property to Canal to connect the two bridges?" the Mayor was asked to-day.

"I have noticed that the tracks go so far," he said, "but I am inclined to think they have gone a little further on private property than is necessary. I do not think the plan necessarily contemplates a continuation of the four tracks to Canal on private property. I want them to get along with as little private property as possible."

If the Bridge Commissioner doesn't intend to run his tracks on private property above North street what is his plan to connect the two bridges?

"That remains to be determined. You know there are half a dozen plans," said the Mayor.

A possibility was suggested, this morning, that Commissioner Best's plan contemplates the use of private property to Canal street and the use of a strip left between the elevated structure and Centre street to widen the latter. This would be costly, but the increasing congestion of traffic in Centre street would make it very desirable.

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SUIT TO TEST THE CHILD LABOR LAW

Action Begun Against Chelsea Jute Mills for Employing Annie Ventre, Who Is Said to Be Only Twelve Years Old.

Through a proceeding held to-day before Justice Roosevelt in the Fourth District Municipal Court and instituted against the Chelsea Jute Mills, of Greenpoint, the Child Labor Committee is seeking to test the efficacy of the Child Labor and Compulsory Education law. The provision upon which the prosecution is based is Section 4 of Chapter 469 of the laws of 1903, and as it is an amendment to the old statute is considered important.

According to this section, during the school season any person or corporation employing children under fourteen years of age is liable to a penalty of \$50 and leaves unstated the evidence of age which the authorities are bound to recognize.

The action against the Chelsea Jute Mills is because of the employment of Annie Ventre, alleged in the complaint to be only eleven years of age. The affidavit on which the child was found working at the jute mills gives her age as sixteen years and the corporation through its counsel contends that an employer need do no more than accept the statement of age made by the parents of the child.

The prosecution was conducted by Assistant Corporation Counsel John C. Breckenridge and George W. Alger, of the Child Labor Committee.

Annie Ventre, the girl in the case, who said she resided in North Ninth street, Brooklyn, and had worked for the last ten months at the jute mills, was the first witness. She gave her age as twelve years and said that she went to work at the jute mills on Saturday, when she was left off at 2:15 P. M. She was allowed, she said, time off for lunch.

Mrs. Ventre, mother of the girl, said that her daughter was twelve years old last July and had been working at the Chelsea Jute Mills since April last.

In the taking of the testimony of Ventre and his wife Justice Roosevelt acted as interpreter. When the case was closed he reserved his decision, saying the trial was an important one. Justice Roosevelt directed counsel on both sides to submit briefs on March 2.

PNEUMONIA KILLS LAWYER.

Francis Forbes, Victim of Disease, Was Well Known.

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Kid Button

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Sizes 11 to 2,

\$1.00

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Calf Lace Shoes,

ICE-CREAM WAR AHEAD.

Trust Smashed and Good Times Coming for Paterson.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 17.—The local ice-cream trust has been smashed. The ice-cream dealers three years ago combined to uphold prices and for a time prospered, but of late there has been a feeling among some of the dealers that in their union the strength was not what it ought to be. At a meeting this week it is said that only five of the members would agree to maintain the price scale and as a result it was decided to disband the organization.

An ice-cream war is looked for when the hot weather arrives. A lot of New York ice-cream was sold in the local drug stores last year, being offered to the dealers at a price of 10 cents per gallon. Next season the local manufacturers propose to fight this competition to the best of their ability and a general cutting down of prices is expected.

FOR PADDED PAY-ROLLS.

Express Company Employees Held for Alleged Falsifications.

Joseph O'Grady and Arthur C. Woodliff, former employees of the Adams Express Company, at the Canal street office, were held in \$5000 bail each for the last ten months at the jute mills, was the first witness. She gave her age as twelve years and said that she went to work at the jute mills on Saturday, when she was left off at 2:15 P. M. She was allowed, she said, time off for lunch.

The men were arrested in January. They were present in court and were released on the original bail.

An Interview with Capt. Allen C. Hodge of Washington

Captain Allen C. Hodge, of Washington, says: "Father John's Medicine cured me of a bad attack of pneumonia and surprised Dr. Boyd, my physician, who said your medicine was 'all right' and ought to be in every family." Physicians "prescribe it, and have for years. No opium, morphine or other poisonous drugs. This old remedy derived its name from having been prescribed by an eminent specialist for the late Rev. Fr. John O'Brien, of Lowell, Mass., over 50 years ago, by whom it was recommended. It is a food medicine and body builder—nourishing the system and driving out the impurities. It cures colds and all throat and lung troubles. Its gentle laxative effect strengthens the stomach and starts the whole system working right—then you have vital force to drive off colds and visiting disease."

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